

am also proud that my state of California is home to some of the most storied golf courses in the nation, including the legendary Pebble Beach and Torrey Pines.

Mr. Speaker, as an avid golfer myself, each year I look forward to participating in the Annual Mervyn L. Jones and Stephanie Tubbs Jones Memorial Golf & Tennis Classic. This worthy event raises funds to provide young people an opportunity to further their education and reach their potential. Golf has the ability to bring people together to support such a cause.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing National Golf Day and commending an industry that brings so much joy and pleasure to millions of Americans and contributes greatly to this nation's economy.

RECOGNIZING THE MISSISSIPPI
POULTRY ASSOCIATION IN OB-
SERVANCE OF THEIR 75TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. BENNE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Mississippi Poultry Association as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary. Poultry is Mississippi's largest agricultural commodity. To date, the poultry industry has more than a \$6 billion impact on the state's economy. With 20 processing facilities and approximately 2,000 growers, the Mississippi poultry industry employs roughly, 56,000 people both directly and indirectly.

The Mississippi Poultry Association was formed in 1937 as the Mississippi Poultry Improvement Association to help battle poultry diseases and promote the development of the industry in the State of Mississippi. The Mississippi's poultry industry is comprised of growers, feed mills, hatcheries, processing plants, laboratories, and company headquarters.

Mississippi ranks fifth in the nation in poultry production. Mississippi companies process about 757 million birds per year, 250 times the human population of the state, and 400 million table eggs per year. The industry has grown from a few family-owned feed and seed stores who sold chickens and farmers who raised chickens, mostly into an integrated global industry with about 12 percent of broiler production exported around the globe.

Mississippi poultry companies support their communities. The Mississippi Poultry Association helped initiate the Emerging Crops Loan program passed by the legislature that has made it easier for many more farmers to enter

the poultry industry and has worked closely with institutions of higher learning and government agencies such as Mississippi State University, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, the Board of Animal Health and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, Mississippi poultry companies donate thousands of pounds of their products annually to fight hunger and to aid and develop their communities. I ask that you and our colleagues join me in recognizing the Mississippi Poultry Association in observance of their 75th Anniversary.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF HOUS-
TON ON BECOMING AN HISPANIC-
SERVING INSTITUTION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the University of Houston for being designated an Hispanic-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education. The University is now one of only three Tier One public research universities in the nation with this designation and the only institution in Texas.

UH has received the Tier One research university distinction from the Carnegie Foundation; making it one of only three Carnegie-designated Tier One public research universities in Texas.

Designation as an Hispanic-Serving Institution requires enrollment of full-time undergraduates at a university to be at least 25-percent Hispanic. The designation will allow UH to compete for grants that support or expand educational opportunities of Hispanic students.

UH is known as a 1st generation school, for many of the students are the first in their families to attend college. Undergraduates may choose from 120 majors and minors. The University also offers 139 master's degrees, 54 doctoral, and 3 professional degree programs. Many of the academic programs rank among the nation's best.

As the second most ethnically diverse major research university in the US, students come from more than 137 nations and from across the nation. UH consistently ranks among the top colleges and universities in the nation for conferring bachelor degrees and doctorates to Hispanic students, further affirming UH's commitment to prepare students for competition in the global marketplace.

As a proud Alumnus of UH, I salute the successes of the past and present administration, faculty, staff, and students of the University of Houston for all of their hard work and dedication to education.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF AN-
DREW MILLER ON HIS OFFER OF
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. LATTI. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Andrew Miller of Perrysburg, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Andrew's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming cadet Class of 2016. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Andrew brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2016. While attending St. John's Jesuit High School in Toledo, Ohio, Joseph was a SJJ School Ambassador, an Eagle Scout, a member of Gliding Stars, and of the SJJ chapter of Model United Nations. His senior year, Andrew was vice president of SJJ chapter of Model United Nations.

Throughout high school, Andrew was a member of his school's wrestling and lacrosse teams, earning varsity letters in both. His excellence in wrestling was noted by being awarded Rookie of the Year in 2011 and being named captain of his team his senior year. In addition, Andrew continues to practice his faith through Christian service opportunities at school as well as volunteering at his church as an altar server. I am confident that Andrew will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Andrew Miller on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Andrew will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.